

POETRY.

LOST FRIENDS.

I lost a friend the other day—
His heart was pure and strong and true;

Our days were sweet, but all too few;
He passed from earth—the other day.
But while I see him here no more,
I know that on a happier shore,
Not here, but in eternity,
God will give back my friend to me.

I lost a friend long years ago—
A while our paths together lay,
And we were happy by the way
Until we parted—years ago.
From out each other's lives we passed;
Each went his way, but yet, at last,
Or here, or in eternity,
God will give back my friend to me.

I lost a friend in years gone by—
A dear, dear friend he was to me,
But something came between, and he
Left me alone—in years gone by.
But some day all will be made plain,
Our lives together flow again,
And here, or in eternity,
God will give back my friend to me.

I lost a friend— or, shall I say,
He lost himself? For sin and shame
Have left me little but the name
Of him I loved, and love to-day.
My friend, as lost, I weep, deplore;
But faith says: "One can save, restore."
To thee I come—I pray to thee,
O Christ, give back my friend to me.

SELECTIONS.

Christ fans to get rid of chaff
(Matt. iii, 12). Satan sifts, to get rid
of wheat (Luke xxii, 31.)

After long experience of the world
I affirm before God that I never knew
a rogue who was not unhappy.—
Innis.

The saddest hour in the life of a
youth is when he thinks he can get
a dollar in some other way than by
squarely earning it.—*Greeley.*

Take away God and religion, and
men live to no purpose, not propos-
ing any worthy and considerable
end of life to themselves.—*Tillotson.*

There may be times when silence
is gold and speech silver; but there
are times also when silence is death
and speech is life—the very life of
Pentecost.—*Max Muller.*

It is time that a little more stress
was laid on simple honesty. It is not
every man who can be a great saint
or a mighty preacher . . . but every
man can be faithful in his work. *J. F. Clarke.*

No man is born into the world
whose work is not born with him.
There is always work, and tools to
work withal, for those who will; and
blessed are the horny hands of toil.—
Lowell.

Every day is a little life, and our
whole life is but a day repeated.
Those, therefore, that dare lose a
day are dangerously prodigal; those
that dare misspend it, desperate.—
Bishop Hall.

Piety is a kind of modesty. It
makes us turn aside our thoughts,
as modesty makes us cast down our
eyes, in the presence of whatever is
forbidden.—*Joubert.*

"Every attempt to make others
happy, every sin left behind, every
temptation trampled under foot, ev-
ery step forward in the cause of
what is good, is a step nearer to
heaven."

Prayer should be just what one
feels, just what one thinks, just what
one needs; and it should stop the mo-
ment it ceases to be the real expres-
sion of the need, the thought and the
feeling.—*H. W. Beecher.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Judge Pershing, in court at Pottsville
Pa., find a juror \$500 for appearing in
an intoxicated condition.

China has sent an officer to Japan to
arrange terms of peace. It is said the
government is willing to pay \$175,000,-
000.

Numerous English and foreign an-
archists are leaving their haunts in
London, and are proceeding singly to
America.

Secretary Gresham has authorized
Ministers Denby and Dun to conduct
negotiations for peace between China
and Japan.

Earthquake shocks have left only
twenty-four houses uninjured in Reg-
gio. Crowds of homeless people are
forced to live on the streets.

The Lower House of the Colorado
Legislature will have three women as
members and a woman will serve as
State Superintendent of Public In-
struction.

Both New York and Brooklyn ap-
prove of the "Greater New York."
Before consolidation can take place
the legislature of the State must take
the necessary steps.

Rev. Madison C. Peters, of New York
City, has received a bequest of \$70,000
from Robert Owens, a wealthy real
estate owner in Dutchess county, who
while in New York, heard Mr. Peters
preach, and was highly pleased with the
sermon.

There are 25,530 negro schools now
in the south, where 2,250,000 negroes
have learned to read, and most of them
to write. In the colored schools are
238,000 pupils and 20,000 negro teachers.
There are 150 schools for advanced ed-
ucation, and seven colleges adminis-
tered by negro presidents and facul-
ties, and of these presidents three were
formerly slaves. There are 154 negro
editors, 250 lawyers, 740 physicians, and
there are now educating themselves in
European universities 247 negroes from
the south.

CHRISTIAN INTELLIGENCE.

Even during these "hard times,"
the Methodist Episcopal church has
set its mark at \$1,500,000 for mis-
sions.

The total missionary gifts of
Christendom for 1893 are estimated
at \$14,713,672. A large sum, but very
small when compared with \$1,000
000,000 wasted every year for liquor.

—The grand jury at Elizabeth,
New Jersey, Oct. 25th, brought a
presentment declaring church fair
lotteries illegal. It was stated that
one church in Elizabeth has an-
nounced a fair at which \$500 worth
of stock is to be raffled.

—Chaplain McCabe has subscribed
\$1,000 for the new Methodist build-
ing in Rome. The chaplain express-
es the hope that 4,000 Methodist
preachers at their next prayer
meeting will state the case, and
each send Dr. Eurt \$10 at least, in
order that he may return to his work
in Italy.

—For the first time in many years
the American Sunday School Union
makes a special appeal to the
churches. The past year has been
one of the most successful in the
history of the society, showing the
establishment of 1,785 new Sunday
schools, and the conversion of nearly
11,000 persons.

—Rev. Alexander Roberts, of Ven-
ice, writes: "In this land of Italy,
where, as late as 1851, Italians, and
English visitors too, were imprisoned
for reading the Bible, the annual
circulation of the Bible now exceeds
that of any other book, and it is
taking its rightful place in the liter-
ature of the country as the Book of
books."

—The German empress is an ener-
getic church worker, and largely
through her influence, and in a
measure by her assistance, more
than a dozen new Protestant churches
have been erected in Berlin in the
last half dozen years. She is a mem-
ber of no less than eleven different
church societies and associations in
the German capital, to each of which
she gives an annual subscription.

—The Brooklyn Presbytery is
asked to dissolve the relation that
has existed for over twenty-five
years between Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt
Talmage and the Tabernacle church.
Dr. Talmage has decided upon no
plans for future work. He may take
another pastorate should Providence
so direct or he may "go into gener-
al evangelical work, preaching the
Gospel to all people, without money
and without price."

—By the will of the late Senator
Ross, of Canada, Morrin College and
the high school in Toronto receive
between them \$170,000, Jeffrey Hos-
pital \$150,000, three Anglican churches
\$40,000 each, French Mission Presby-
terian churches \$30,000, Woman's
Christian Association \$16,000, Ladies'
Protestant Home \$10,000. Frank
Ross, as part of a settlement, agreed
to remit \$50,000 to be employed in

benevolent purposes in Carlisle,
Scotland, and devotes \$30,000 to the
establishment and maintenance of a
home for Protestant old men and
boys.

OUR QUESTION DRAWER.

Apropos to an editorial of a few
weeks ago on the text, "The Lord
hath need of him." We have re-
ceived the following: "I am pleased
with what you say on the subject,
please allow me to ask you a ques-
tion: "And straightway he will send
him hither." "Who will send him
hither, the Lord or the owner of the
colt?"

The most common interpretation
is that the owner of the colt would
send him, because the Lord hath
need of him. But the true interpre-
tation seems to be, not as commonly
understood, that the owners will at
once give up the animal, but a prom-
ise that the Lord would, without delay, re-
turn the animal. This is in harmony
with the Rev. Ver., and we believe to
be the correct translation.

RAM'S HORN ARROWS.

Love for God always takes in
everybody else.

Folks who hope are generally
folks who help.

A stingy Christian is a living dis-
honor to Christ.

Seek happiness, and you will fail.
Seek Christ and you will find both.

People who dislike to talk about
God seldom love to talk to him.

It is a great mistake to remember
your trials and forget your blessings.

The man who has no aim in life is
worse off than one who has lost his
eyesight.

There are people who would do
more growing in grace if they would
try growling less.

Many a man who asks God to lead
him when he goes to prayer meeting
suffers the devil to guide him when
he goes to vote.

Dust on a Christian's Bible is a tor-
dressing that the devil can always
use to make a crop.

Daniel had time to pray three
times a day, but some church mem-
bers think they are doing well if
they pray once a week.

It is hard to convince a worldly
that a sin is black clear through, as
long as he can hear gold jingling in
its pocket.

Every day of our lives God gives
us a chance to decide in some way
what we will do with Christ.

God's side is never the whiskey
side.

It is hard for God to do much for
people who cannot see that they have
anything to be thankful for.